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**Rep. Kolste Co-Authors Bi-Partisan Bill to Support Family Caregivers**

MADISON - Representative Deb Kolste (D-Janesville) joined Representative Ken Skowronski (R-Franklin) and Senators Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point) and Bob Wirsch (D-Somers) to reintroduce a bill that would create a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for people who act as caregivers for a member of their family.

A caregiver would receive this tax credit for expenses incurred while caring for a family member. Qualifying expenses would include amounts spent to improve the claimant's primary residence to assist the family member, equipment to help the family member with daily living activities, and obtaining other goods or services to help the claimant care for the family member.

"The vast majority of caregivers are supporting a family member and are not being paid to provide that care," said Rep. Kolste. They are paying out-of-pocket to ensure that their loved ones are well taken care of, sometimes at great expense. This bill will allow them to lessen their tax burden and recover some of those costs."

The maximum tax credit that could be claimed each year, per family member, would be \$1,000. Tax filers would be ineligible if their adjusted gross income is greater than \$75,000 for an individual or \$150,000 for a married couple filing jointly.

This bill is a reintroduction of 2017 Assembly Bill 631, which passed out of the Assembly Committee on Mental Health 12-0.

The legislation is supported by AARP Wisconsin, the Alzheimer's Association, and the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources.

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